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1. [] the Chinese Communist Swatow Patrol Board of the Central and South China Naval Command Headquarters announced the following shipping control measures for the port of Swatow:

- a. The inspection of vessels in Mayu (1265/1546), Swatow, was made the joint responsibility of the Swatow Garrison Headquarters, under the command of the Mayu inspection unit of the Military Police Joint Inspection Office, and of the Swatow Patrol board.
 - b. The area including the Swatow airfield, Hsinchin (2450/3160), and the sea within five miles of Swatow¹ was designated a restricted area.
 - c. All ship owners were required to apply for certificates authorizing entry or departure from Swatow 12 hours prior to their entry or departure.
 - d. The northern part of the port of Mayu was opened at 0600 hours and was secured at 1800 hours daily.
 - e. In addition to the possession of a fishing permit, during daytime fishing activities, fishing vessels were required to identify themselves by displaying a red flag obtained from Mayu shipping authorities. At night, a green light at the bow and a red light at the stern served to identify fishing vessels.
2. In order to enforce these regulations, patrol units which consisted of one gunboat and two armed motor junks conducted 24-hour patrols. Units of the patrol board by three blasts on a warning whistle ordered suspicious looking vessels to halt for inspection.

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